पंक्तियों की विविधता । बाजरा में डाउनी फफूंदी प्रतिरोधी किस्मों का विकास तथा ज्वार में स्ट्रिगा प्रतिरोधी किस्में ।

7. निवेशों के लिए अनुकूल और अन्तः तथा मिलवां फसल प्रणालियों के प्रभावनीय दालों के नये बीजों का विकास ।

8. तम्बाकू के नये बीजों का विकास जिसमें निर्यात के लिए अच्छी पत्ती की गुणवत्ता हो, पीने के लिये निरापद तम्बाकू हो ।

9. तिलहन उत्पादन को अधिकतम करने हेतु उचित किस्मों के विकास, पौध उत्पादन तथा संरक्षण प्रौद्योगिकियों के विकास के लिए एक तिलहन प्रौद्योगिकी मिशन की स्थापना की गई है।

10. लीची, जैकफ्रूट, बेल, सपोटा, आयल पाम, करेला, लौकी, खीरा, परमल, गाजर तथा वार्षिक सजावटी पौधों जैसी फसल पर अनुसंधान को बढ़ाना ।

11. दो नये संस्थान, आठ राष्ट्रीय अनुसंधान केन्द्र स्थापित किये जाने हैं । सब्जी, मुर्गीपालन तथा मवेशी पर अखिल भारतीय समन्वित अनुसंधान प्रायोजना को प्रायोजना निदेशालय के स्तर पर उन्नत किया गया है ।

Acute shortage of drinking water due to shortfall in rain in Gujarat

761. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most parts of Gujarat are suffering from heavy shortfall of rains as a result of which the problem of drinking water has become very acute;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to transport drinking water through floating collapsible tanks from big river mouths to the needy areas by tugging through sea; and

(c) whether Government also propose to thought of and workout any other means for supply of drinking water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Kachch, North Gujarat and certain parts of Saurashtra are facing problems of drinking water but the situation is still not so acute.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The State Government has been advised to adopt scientfic source finding with the help of Geohydrological and Geophysical exploration, construction of rain water harvesting structures, use of desalination technologies and adopt preservation measures for reduction in the percentage of evaporation losses and overall management through proper budgeting of water. Over exploitation of ground water has also to be discouraged.

Furnishing of fake names of T-1 Sheet users by TISCO

762. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Tata Iron and Steel Co., furnished the names of fake units and traders which are not actual users of T-1 sheet cuttings to the Development Commissioner, Iron and Steel; and

(b) if so, what are the details of penal action taken against the offending companies?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) The list of bidders in the auction for this material furnished by TISCO

contains names which have been found to be fake as well as of traders.

(b) Sheet cuttings are being sold by M/s. TISCO through auction and not specially to actual consumers. This is not an offence under the extent provisions of the statute.

Suspension of productive activities of Haldia fertiliser plant

763. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have ordered for suspension of all productive activities in Rs. 500 crores fertilizer complex at Haldia eight months ago;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor in view of the perennial shortage of fertilisers in the country; and

(c) the details of the gains achieved as a result of the above order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) to (c) Haldia Fertilizer Project is still a project and has not started commercial production. As there were frequent equipment problems during the commissioning of the plant, Government decided, in October, 1986, to stop the commissioning activities. It was also decided to undertake an end-to-end survey of the project for which consultants are being engaged.

Distribution of Steel

764. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any law to govern the distribution of iron and steel in and outside the country;

(b) if so, what are details thereof;

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in negative, whether Government propose to introduce a Bill in the current Session of Parliament to regulate distribution of iron and steel, in view of wide spread corruption by manufacturers; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Provisions exist to regulate the distribution, possession and use of iron and steel inside the country under the Iron and Steel (Control) Order, 1956 notified under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. These provisions enable the Government to give necessary directives to the producers of iron and steel with a view to securing proper distribution; proper utilisation of iron and steel by the consumer is also enforceable under these provisions. Export of iron and steel from the country is governed by the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1947, and Exports (Control) Order, 1977 notified thereunder.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Supply of T-1 Sheets to actual users by TISCO

765. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tata Iron and Steel Co. is not supplying T-1 sheet cuttings to actual users i.e. bucket manufacturers; and

(b) if so, whether it is an offence as per law of the land?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir. However, they are sel-